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TAGS:CASC, (FRONCZAK, SANDRA)

SUBJECT:W/W SANDRA FRONCZAK

REF: A. MEXICO 11323; B. MEXICO 11085; D. MEXICO 11270

1. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECENT CONTACTS MADE WITH DEPART  
MENT ON BEHALF OF FRONCZAK FAMILY. BILL LAWBAUGH, IRON  
WORKERS UNION REPRESENTATIVE, REQUESTED INFORMATION O  
LATEST CASE EVENTS AND INTEREST TAKEN BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT  
ON SEPTEMBER 9 HE WAS GIVEN INFORMATION FROM MEXICO 11323  
THAT IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION RAISED EARLER, AN AVERAGE  
OF 2 OR 3 REQUESTS EACH WEEK FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A  
MISSING PERSON WERE RECEIVED IN MEXICO. ALSO HE WAS  
PROVIDED, FROM MEXICO 11085, WITH PARAGRAPH FROM PRESIDENT  
ECHEVERRIA'S SPEECH REFERRING TO FRONCZAK-SEMELROTH CASE.  
FURTHER, LAWBAUGH WAS INFORMED THAT INQUIRY WOULD CONTINUE  
ON WHETHER REQUESTED CONFESSION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO  
HIM. FYI: SINCE IT IS STILL PROBLEMATIC, PER MEXICO  
11323, WHETHER AUTHORITIES WOULD PROVIDE CONFESSION EVEN FO  
FAMILY KNOWING POSSIBLE USE TO BE MADE OF IT, IT WOULD  
BE WISE TO DETERMINE DEFINITELY ITS AVAILABILITY BEFORE  
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INFORMING LAWBAUGH OF ANY PROGRESS IN ITS ACQUISITION.

2. LAWBAUGH ALSO RAISED ISSUE OF "EXACT DATE" ON WHICH SEARCH FOR SANDRA FRONCZAK WAS "CALLED OFF." PRESUMABLY ACTIVE ASPECTS OF SEARCH CEASED GRADUALLY AS EACH LEAD WAS EXHAUSTED AND NEW ONES FAILED TO MATERIALIZE, AND HE WAS INFORMED NO SPECIFIC DATE WAS AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT. SHORTLY AFTER CONVERSATION WITH LAWBAUGH, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED CALL FROM JIM PLATT OF JACK ANDERSON'S OFFICE, PURSUING SAME QUESTION. WHITE HOUSE NSC ALSO REPORTS CALL FROM BILL WILSON, FRONCZAK'S LAWYER, THIS TIME PURSUING ISSUE OF "DATE ON WHICH SEARCH FOR CIVILIAN ACCOMPLICES WAS CALLED OFF." APPARENTLY ANOTHER CORRESPONDENCE CAMPAIGN IS ALSO BEGINNING DIRECTED TO CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES COMPLAINING THAT THE "SEARCH HAS BEEN CALLED OFF." DEPARTMENT FEELS CERTAIN ALL PARTIES ARE AWARE THAT EVEN IF ACTIVE SEARCHES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO ANY REASONABLE NEW LEADS THAT MAY ARISE. WE NEVERTHELESS FORESEE ISSUES OF "CALLED-OFF SEARCH" AND "EXACT DATE" BECOMING PERSISTENT.

3. REQUEST POST THEREFORE ATTEMPT OBTAIN CURRENT STATUS OF "SEARCH" ON MRS. FRONCZAK AND CIVILIANS, PERHAPS WITH REFERENCE TO CIRCULATION OF PHOTOS AND OFFER OF REWARD, MENTIONED IN MEXICO 11270. FURTHER IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF POST COULD DETERMINE DATES, IF AVAILABLE, WHEN VARIOUS MAJOR ACTIVE UNDERTAKINGS ENDED, I.E. SEARCH OF SWAMP FOR BODY, ETC.

4. ALSO, FOR PRESS INQUIRIES NOW BEING RECEIVED, REQUEST POST ATTEMPT ARRIVE AT ESTIMATE OF "MISSING PERSONS" CASE ENCOUNTERED THROUGHOUT MEXICO, NOT ONLY BY EMBASSY AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR GENERAL PRESS GUIDANCE.  
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